

East Jessamine High School
Site-Based Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25, 2013

Members

Janet Granada, Principal, Chair

Jacqueline Coleman, Teacher

Ellen Prasse, Teacher

Dee Wisner, Teacher

Doug Fain, parent of Haleigh (11th grade)-absent (at daughter's softball game)

Cherie Hall, parent of James (11th grade)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.

Agenda Accepted

Items for the agenda accepted with no additions.

Audience Request to Address Council

Junior student requesting council permission to attend prom—11 unexcused absences—forgot to turn in notes. “All my fault. My irresponsibility.” She had doctor notes and a paper from her grandmother’s funeral. Council agreed unanimously to allow her to attend, does not want to see her back next year with the same request. Council stressed importance of getting notes in on time. Next year parent notes still required to be turned in upon return to school; 3-day window for professional (doctor/dentist) excuses. **Every absence requires some type of note.**

Council Committee Reports and Discussions

- **Attendance** Attendance data for the cumulative year—
 - 9th grade—92.68%
 - 10th grade—95.81%
 - 11th grade—90.45%
 - 12th grade—91.20%
 - Year total to date—92.69%
 - Enrollment: 986
 - East High has had the most improved attendance for the past two consecutive months and the high school monthly winner for last months reporting period.
- **Application for designation as Model School of Innovation** The application has been reviewed and revised and is due to Maurice Chappell on Monday, April 29. (He has already seen a preliminary draft copy.) Maurice will add the district portion to our school portion and e-mail it to David Cook at KDE. All applications are due to KDE by Tuesday, April 30.
- **Assessment** Reminder about the schedule for end of year end-of-course assessments that begin next week. Each assessment has two 45-minute sections:
 - April 29- Biology
 - April 30- US History

May 1- English II

May 2- Algebra II

- **Graduated prom tickets** Janet proposed looking at a graduated system for prom tickets. The current price is \$25/person. A graduated price would be that any junior or senior with perfect attendance for the year would be admitted to prom at no cost. Students with no unexcused absences would pay \$20/ticket. Students with 1-4 unexcused absences would pay \$25/ticket. Students with 5-9 unexcused absences would pay \$30/ticket. Students with more than 9-12 unexcused absences would pay \$50/ticket; more than 12 would pay \$100/ticket. Ellen suggested adding on to that by breaking attendance into chunks somehow—example; No more than 4 unexcused absences the first 9 weeks. Allow a couple of “Saturday schools” where students pay \$20 and spend the hours of 9-12 at school working on e2020, summative retakes, schoolwork—three hours of entirely academic work. One Saturday session would substitute for an unexcused absence. The \$20 session fee would be used to pay the teacher on site (\$120) and the balance put into a fund for additional technology. Council will resume discussion on this topic next month. **Note: This year’s prom is May 18 from 9-12 at The Red Mile.**
- **Program Review** Program review teams are in the process of scoring our reviews. Arts scored yesterday; writing scored today. Ellen was the chair of the Arts Review; Jacqueline was also on that team. Ellen commented there were some very strong areas and then some we need to beef up to improve our score for next year,
- **Project Graduation** Project Graduation for this year had been cancelled due to lack of parent support and a decrease in donations from the business community. A group of East High staff (Billy King, Tammy Taylor, and Lindsey Mulcahy) wanted to continue the tradition for our East kids so they organized with the help of a couple of senior parents to work on having a Project Graduation for East High senior students. Billy reached out to West High to see if they wanted to join in trying to make it happen for all seniors, but the administrative team at West felt that West students would prefer to spend graduation evening with their families. Plans include a camp out on site; cookout; games, competitions, and activities; and prizes (electronics, gift cards, car) for their last time together as a senior class.
- **Elections** PTO will be scheduling elections for PTO officers and SBDM reps in conjunction with an Arts Festival this May. More details to come.
- **Staffing** Interviews have begun for posted positions. Cassie Atkinson has been offered (and accepted) a position in the P225 blue group as the math teacher (Ashley Marcum’s replacement). Interviews continue for math and special education. There are two excellent possibilities for an additional math and the special education spot.

Next month’s agenda

- Update on elections

Dismissal

The meeting was dismissed at 5:43 PM on a motion by Dee Wisner, second by Jacqueline Coleman

Final meeting @ 4:30 in the EJHS front conference room

✓ May 30

